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Congressional Summary.

WEDNESDAY, June 3.

SENATE. Mr. Sherman from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably the House bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act so as to provide for savings banks, with an amendment which was agreed to and the bill passed.

It provides that all deposits made in the institutions now existing which do business only by issuing bank notes, are exempted from the law of the respective states and subject to the same as savings banks, with an amendment which was agreed to and the bill passed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the noisy bill. Quite a number of amendments were introduced, reflecting the leading features of the bill, and several amendments were adopted.

A large number of petitions favoring the settlement of difficulties with nations by arbitration were reported back by the Foreign Committee after a written report on the subject.

In the Senate, a bill was introduced to the resolution that declared that no provision of the bill, and several amendments were adopted.

Mr. Butler of Mass., from the Judiciary Committee, reported a substitute for the original bill.

A long debate followed in which Mr. Butler of Mass. spoke ten minutes in support of Butler's amendment. After an agreement to vote on the bill at 3 o'clock to-morrow, the House took a recess.

Picture relative to newspaper postage, but believe it will not prove difficult.

The District Committee reported a bill for the government of the District of Columbia.

The remonstrances of New York bankers against the tax on sales of coin and securities were presented; also memorials of publishers that the postage on newspapers be taxed.

It was voted to amend the bill to provide that the same as deposits in savings institutions having no capital, as though they have a capital of \$100,000, and pay dividends on such capital, and no tax shall be assessed upon deposits made in such institutions, or collected from them on said deposits, otherwise than herein provided.

It was voted to amend the bill to provide that each depositor shall be allowed a deduction of his less advanced and dividends on stocks not exceeding 8 per cent, and since the practice was his repugnance to receiving any remuneration whatever for his services.

Barker's CHOCOLATE, so noted for its nutritive, sanitary, and delicious qualities, hardly needs our endorsement after the awards made to it by the experts at the leading Fairs in both hemispheres. A trial is all that is needed to convince any one of its great merit, and since 1780 this has been applied.

France.

PARIS, June 4. The Assembly passed the electoral bill to a second reading, Thursday, by a vote of 393 to 318. Louis Blanc and Thiers, both opposed the bill, and at the conclusion of their speeches received a perfect ovation from the members of the National Assembly.

A bill was introduced to the effect that no pension would be smaller than yearly, unless Congress should improperly increase it by two cents.

Mr. Garrison called up the popular appropriation bill, and explained that the bill was \$29,980,000, a difference of \$500,000 compared with the bill of last year. The pension roll would be smaller and smaller every year, unless Congress should improperly increase it by two cents.

The amendment of the Committee fixing the fee at 25 cents was agreed to and the bill passed.

THE HOUSE. The Senate amendments to the House bills to amend pension acts and increase the pensions of totally disabled men were sent to the Committee of Finance, Messrs. Bushell, Small of N. H., and Holman were appointed on such a committee.

THURSDAY, June 4.

SENATE. Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Finance, reported unfavorably on a resolution submitted by Mr. Pratt calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the balance of the U. S. Bank, the disbursing officer of the United States, the number of accounts and steps taken to recover the amounts due, and asked that the committee be discharged from its further consideration.

Mr. Anthony gave notice that to-morrow he would ask the Senate to proceed to the consideration of the bill to provide for the sale of extra copies of public documents and for the distribution of regular official editions thereof.

Mr. Willard moved that a bill be introduced by a subcommittee of the Committee on Finance to amend the bill to provide for a foreign ship containing a cargo of contraband of war.

YAVONNE, June 7. Don Carlos has issued a decree that the slaves of the empire be equipped by his forces to elect members of a Council, which is to personally attend him in his further course.

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